

LAWYER FIGHTS OFF NURSE AND LEAPS TO DEATH

Wealthy Walter H. Merriam
Plunges From High Win-
dow of House.

HAD LONG BEEN ILL.

Attendant Nearly Dragged
Out, Too, as She Tried
to Restrain Him.

Walter H. Merriam, a wealthy lawyer, who had been a neurotic invalid for a year past, killed himself this morning by leaping from the fifth story window of a fashionable apartment-house at No. 1 West Sixty-eighth street into a back lot.

Miss Meyer, one of two trained nurses who had tended the lawyer day and night for weeks, made a frantic effort to prevent the suicide, clutching at his pajamas as he was waving on the window ledge. He tore himself loose from her, leaving fragments of his garments in her hands, and plunged sixty feet into the darkness of the vacant lot below.

This occurred at 5:45 o'clock when all the others in the Merriam apartment were asleep. Mrs. May Merriam, the lawyer's wife, slept in an adjoining room, the day nurse in another room down the hall and the lawyer's two little children, May, nine years old, and Irene, five, in another room with a nurse.

Had Been in Much Pain.
The patient had suffered excruciating pains in the head for the past few weeks and Dr. Leal, who lives in the building and has been one of the physicians in attendance upon the lawyer, had prescribed ice packs. Miss Meyer had been applying ice to her charge's head all night.

After 4 o'clock Merriam seemed to feel more comfortably, and when the nurse went out of the room to get more ice at 5:30 she thought the lawyer was asleep. He was only feigning, however, and as undoubtedly planned his suicide, Miss Meyer got back to the bedroom in time to see the figure of her patient screened in the window. He had thrown up the cash and climbed out on the ledge.

With a scream the nurse darted forward and caught wildly at the sick man's pajamas, getting a firm grip on the skirt of his jacket.
"Let go," he cried, "or I'll drag you out, too. I'm going to die!" With that he threw his full weight away from the window, dragging the nurse half way out the window before the thin stuff of the pajamas gave way.

Could Not Reach Body.
Mrs. Merriam reached the bedroom a moment after her husband had disappeared. Rousing the servants, she and Miss Meyer rushed downstairs to the apartment of the janitor, George Sibley. He tried to find a way into the back lot, which is fenced in by high billboards. They could find no clear entrance, and the frantic wife, near only in her nightgown, ran out into the street and beat upon the fence with her hands, screaming incoherently.

Sibley and other tenants telephoned to the West Sixty-eighth street station, whence Policemen Leonard and Duggan were dispatched to the scene. When they got to the apartment house they found several citizens trying to climb over the high board enclosure. They found the body just within the fence and alongside a bowlder upon which the lawyer struck head foremost.

To get the body out it was necessary to cut a hole in the fence. Then permission had to be obtained from Coroner Harburger before the body could be taken up to the Merriam apartment. Dr. Leopold Putzel, a nerve specialist, of No. 12 West Fifty-seventh street, one of the doctors who had charge of the lawyer, issued the death certificate.

Ill for Long Time.
Dr. Putzel said that Mr. Merriam had suffered from a neurotic malady for two years. A year ago he had gone abroad to rest, returning to New York six months ago apparently cured. Then three months ago his father, James H. Merriam, with whom he had been in business since his graduation from the New York University Law School, died suddenly from pneumonia. The death of the father completely upset the son, and he relapsed into his former trouble, this time in a greatly aggravated phase.

KING ALFONSO BACK IN SPAIN.
SEVILLE, Spain, March 9.—King Alfonso returned here to-day from Ceuta, Morocco, on board the cruiser Extremadura.

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SIX-DAY LEADERS SPURT TO MAKE WORLD'S RECORD

Managers of Garden Event
Offer Special Prize for
48-Hour Mark.

5 O'CLOCK SCORE.

Estimated score for forty-first hour:

	M.	F.
Cibot and Orpheus	253	4
Dineen and Prouty	253	0
David and Mett	233	9
Feagan and Curtis	233	9
Loeb and Kibben	233	7
Curt and Hagelman	213	8
Shelton and Fraser	210	2
Guignard and Boyers	204	7
Kollar and Hayes	194	7
Hartley and Pallanti	194	0
Quackenbush and Edelson	188	8
Annals (alone)	148	0

The managers of the six-day go-as-you-please race at the Garden announced this afternoon that two valuable cups would go to each team breaking the forty-eight-hour record of 28 miles and 3 laps. The Frenchmen, Cibot and Orpheus, leaders in the race, set out right away to win the additional prizes. They spurred continuously and kept the few hundred people in the Garden enthusiastic throughout the entire afternoon. They are now ten miles and four laps ahead of their nearest rivals, Dineen and Prouty, and are increasing their lead every hour.

Dineen loomed in bad shape during the late hours to-day, and Prouty, his partner, was little better. The Frenchmen seem to have taken the heart out of them.

Meikus and his Indian partner, Davis, are the dark horses of the race. They were in third place during the afternoon and gaining steadily on Dineen and Prouty.

Twelve teams are all that remain of the original twenty-seven which started in the six-day foot race at Madison Square Garden Sunday night. Five teams dropped out of the race before noon to-day, necessitating the formation of new partnerships. Mike Spring and Ed Adams, the New Yorkers, whose chances looked so good during the first twenty-four hours, are through.

Spring claimed that Adams lost all the gains throughout the race. Once he stopped still on the track to tie his shoe lace and went fast asleep. Old Pete Golden made his veteran partner, Pete Hegelman, as sore as a wet hen by dropping out. Hegelman is now teamed up with Cory, of Chicago, whose partner quit early in the day. Had they been teamed up from the start they might have been up with the leaders. Old man Hartley, who is now teamed up with Pallanti, of Italy, is running a remarkable race for a man of his years. Hartley is the old bald-headed fellow who came all the way from Kansas City to start in the race, riding from Buffalo on the bumpers.

The French team, Cibot and Orpheus, are still in the lead, setting a good stiff pace for Dineen and Prouty. Orpheus is usually on the track at the same time as Dineen, while Cibot and Prouty usually hook up. They run single file nearly all the time, neither letting the other get more than a yard away.

Meikus, who appeared to be badly crippled yesterday, is going well to-day and apparently getting better with each hour. He is teamed up with the Indian Davis, who has acquired quite a reputation as a steady plunger.

The Irish team, Pegan and Curtis, are fourth and running strong. Pegan in particular is doing well. He has a fine steady stride and keeps it going for five miles at a time. He made up considerable ground on the leaders.

The management announces a special attraction for to-morrow night. It is a ten-mile match race between Svanberg, Smallwood, Curran, Bob Hallan and Ferri. This is the first opportunity Svanberg has had since he arrived here several weeks ago.

TRUNK MYSTERY CLEARED.

Rothschild Chest Held Old Clothes.
Not "Missing \$500,000."

Armed with a norder of the United States District Court Charles L. Brookheim, trustee in bankruptcy for the Globe Storage Company, went to the Columbia Storage warehouse at Sixty-seventh street and Columbus avenue to-day and opened a mysterious trunk stored there which had once been the property of David Rothschild, who died in Sing Sing last November. Creditors of Rothschild thought the trunk might contain \$500,000 in cash and securities. This is what Mr. Brookheim found:

Several pairs of old shoes.
A bundle of soiled collars.
A pair of trousers.
A couple of coats.
Several pairs of cuffs.
An empty tin box.
Mr. Brookheim thinks the tin box might have contained papers of value. But Louis Rothschild, David's brother, who is also dead, removed the contents last August.

SNATCHED GIRL'S PURSE.

Youth Held for Highway Robbery
Witnessed by 200 Persons.

Guiseppi La Guidice, nineteen years old, having no home, was held in \$200 for trial by Magistrate Moss, in the Essex Market Court today on the charge of robbery.

According to the police, the prisoner, at Market and Division streets last night slipped up behind Annie Schachowitz, of No. 11 Essex street, caught her by the shoulders, threw her to the sidewalk and wrestled her pocketbook containing \$50 from her hand. He then started to run, followed by a hundred persons, and Policemen Bruce, of the Madison street station caught him.

LOEB SWORN IN AS COLLECTOR AT ONCE TAKES HOLD

Oath Is Administered by U. S.
Judge Holt in His
Office.

HURRIES TO QUARTERS.

Tired Hanging to Strap in Car,
but Shakes Hands With
New Subordinates.

When William Loeb Jr. stepped out of a subway train at the Bridge station this morning and made his way to the Federal Building, where he was to take the oath of office as Collector of the Port of New York, he plainly showed that he had already served his apprenticeship as a "straphanger."

His ride from the majestic Hotel, where he has taken temporary apartments, was about as uncomfortable as it well could have been, because Mr. Loeb had swung to a strap all the way, and it was evident that the new collector was out of humor.

Mr. Loeb was accompanied from his hotel by Edwin A. Jones, a lawyer and a lifetime friend of Mr. Roosevelt's late secretary.

Quickly Sworn In.

Unheralded, they made their way from the subway to the Federal Building, and entering the office of Judge George G. Holt, of the United States District Court, the oath was administered to Mr. Loeb without further ceremony, only the three being present at the time.

After receiving the congratulations of Judge Holt, Mr. Loeb and Mr. Jones returned to the subway and took a train for Bowling Green, and once more Mr. Loeb was forced to swing to a strap until the short trip was terminated.

The greeting between Mr. Fowler and Mr. Loeb was none too cordial. After an apathetic handshake, Mr. Fowler conducted Mr. Loeb into the Collector's private office, where they were joined by Chief Clerk of Customs Henry C. Stuart, and there they were closeted for about ten minutes.

Meanwhile the news had spread through the building that the new collector had arrived and there was a scurrying around of divisions and bureau chiefs to get into the Collector's reception room and greet him as he emerged from his conference with Mr. Fowler.

Occupying a conspicuous position on the top of the new collector's desk rested a basket of beautiful Easter lilies, lilies of the valley, carnations and azaleas. The cluster of blossoms was tied with a huge red ribbon, on one end of which was painted the word "Success."

"That tribute is from President Roosevelt," said one of the assembled group. This, however, Mr. Loeb declined to verify, as he would not move the card from the sealed envelope accompanying the gift until he had been left alone in his office.

Presented by Mr. Fowler.

By the time Mr. Loeb, Mr. Fowler and Mr. Stuart emerged from their consultation about one hundred customs officials had gathered to welcome Mr. Loeb. Taking his stand in front of the desk he had occupied for the past fifteen months, Mr. Fowler presented each of the officials, according to his rank, to Mr. Loeb who stood at his ease.

There was a ripple of applause following Mr. Fowler's address, but little or no notice was given to the new collector, but I cannot suppose that Mr. Loeb was not introduced to the many heads of departments. After shaking hands with all his visitors Mr. Loeb said:

"I am obliged to you for this courtesy and this welcome. I expect to carry on the efficient administration of this office, but I cannot suppose that your office will be a success without your loyal co-operation. In return I shall treat every man on his merits. I shall keep his name before me at all times, and I expect to meet you on the same level. I am obliged to you."

STARTLING PLOT
TO MURDER HIM,
LUMSDEN SWEARS.

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The pistol in my pocket and later passed it to Policeman Corcoran when he came up."

The witness stated that he had not told the Headquarter of the shooting and called an ambulance. He assisted in carrying the dying man to the street. Some surprise was occasioned when Lawyer Fitzgerald for the defense allowed the witness to leave the stand without a single question in cross-examination. Hannigan's story had seemed to give weight to the allegation of the defense that some other person had held the pistol that killed the broker.

Mr. Nott recalled George Downs and questioned him as to his testimony at the Coroner's inquest. The records of said proceeding quote Downs as having said: "I pressed the revolver to Lumsden's head."

"Did you say that?" asked the prosecutor.

"I did not," replied the witness. "My mind at that point was that Lumsden pointed the revolver at his own head."

Policeman Diehl testified that at the time of the arrest Lumsden told him he had not done the shooting.

"I asked him if he had made the statement that he had shot the broker in self-defense," said the witness, "and he denied it."

Diehl added that the prisoner, when searched, had several cartridges in his waistcoat pocket.

"I said to him 'This looks bad,' and he replied, 'I can account for those things. I have pawned my revolver,' and he pulled a pawn ticket from his pocket and showed it to me," continued the policeman.

On cross-examination Diehl said that the defendant had wounds about the head when he was arrested. He was bleeding from one scalp wound.

NEW COLLECTOR OF PORT, WHO TOOK OFFICE TO-DAY



WM. LOEB JR.
(Photographed in the Customs House
Especially for The Evening World by
Staff Photographer.)

ELOPING BRIDE
CAUGHT IN BOGUS
"L" TICKET PLOT

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The next arrested, the first at No. 135 Powell street, Brooklyn, and the latter as he was leaving No. 115 William street, where he works.

The fourth suspect was not found until this morning. He was Harry Reister, who, like the Rubinskis, formerly worked with Torrens, the alleged directing genius, in a Beekman street print shop. From either this prisoner or from one of the Rubinskis Inspector McLaughlin learned that Torrens expected to make most of the profits out of the swindle. He figured on clearing one cent on every bogus ticket that he placed, while the Rubinskis only got 1 cent for printing \$500 of them. Reister's share was to cut the printed blanks up into strips. According to the police he did this by stealth on a machine owned by a printer by whom he was employed at odd times when the boss wasn't watching him.

In the Brooklyn place the detectives say they found presses, dies and plates which they confiscated, and which had been used in manufacturing the tickets. The dies bore the stamp of the Union Photo and Engraving Company, of No. 11 Nassau street. Samuel Rubinski told the secret service men that he had printed the tickets, but didn't understand the nature of the work he was engaged in. It was done, he said, in Michael's name.

Spent Night in Tombs.

The Torrens and the Rubinskis spent the night in cells at Headquarters. To-day after perfunctory arraignments in the Central Street Police Court they were sent along with Reister, the newest suspect, to the Tombs to be held in lieu of \$500 each until Thursday, while the police are working up a complete case for the indictments.

It is the part of the Union Photo Engraving Company an Evening World reporter was told by a member of the firm that of Feb. 12 a man who gave the name of Jackson but who answered to the description of Torrens, came in with drawings representing the form and back of an Interborough ticket.

He wanted plates made, saying he meant to make an immense quantity of tickets for advertising purposes on letter-heads and business envelopes. In a day or two he came in again and asked for a regular ticket, the firm said. Suspecting nothing wrong and without noticing the fact that, as reduced, each plate would make an immense quantity of a regular ticket, the firm said it ahead and turned out the order for "Jackson," who called and took the plates away with him.

AID FOR STARVING FAMILY.

Evening World Readers Send \$26.50 for the Schlereths.

The Evening World acknowledges the receipt of \$26.50 contributed by readers for the relief of the family of Otto Schlereth, of No. 147 Avenue A, Brooklyn, who were found in the worst of the inauguration day blizzard on the eve of eviction, nearly starved to death, the father so weakened by an advanced case of consumption that he was unable to work, the mother ill and the five little children depending on picking up coal along the railroad tracks to save themselves from freezing.

The contributions have been as follows: M. A. O. B. Helen Ann B. 50 cents; A. Reader, St. E. S. E. Admire of The Evening World, \$5; S. O. M. J. H. H. O. A. St. Sympathizer, \$1; Total, \$26.50.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IN SPAIN.

LISBON, March 9.—A number of light earthquakes, accompanied by subterranean rumblings, are reported from the Province of Minho.

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CONFESSES HE SHOT AND KILLED HIS SWEETHEART

But Mueller Says Bullet That
Ended Regina Reed's Life
Was Meant for Robber.

(Special to The Evening World.)

BALTIMORE, March 9.—Joseph Mueller has confessed the killing of Regina Reed, twenty-one years old, his sweetheart, at Mt. Washington, a residence suburb, last night.

He insists it was an accident and that the bullet struck the young woman while he was firing at a highwayman who attacked them. Mueller following his arrest, was brought into Baltimore this morning, and after severe questioning by Captain of Detectives Humphrey broke down and made a confession in writing. This is in part as follows:

"Regina and I left our house early in the evening and took a car for Mt. Washington, where we intended to visit a friend and return early. At South avenue Regina wanted to alight, and we did so. We had not gone far along the avenue, which was very dark, when a man stepped up to us and demanded our money. I gave him \$25, which I had and he then demanded a jacket which my fiancée wore around her neck, she refused and tried to slap him in the face. Then he drew his revolver and started to fire.

"I had a revolver, too, and attempted to shoot him. Unfortunately I was standing on one side of the girl, and the robber attempted to put her between us. I fired and Regina fell. I ran for help, but she was dead before I could get help.

"The highwayman ran as soon as he saw the girl fall. It was so dark I don't think I could recognize him if I did see him again, but I might."

An important witness has been found by the police in the person of the conductor on the car the young couple were on. He says the woman did not want to get out of the car, but was urged to by Mueller.

The police believe Mueller murdered the girl in cold blood.

MRS. ROOSEVELT
FOLLOWS HUSBAND
TO ITALY IN JUNE

Will Wait Until Boys Finish
Schooling and Then Visit
Sister Near Rome.

OSTER BAY, N. Y., March 9.—According to the present plans of ex-President Roosevelt, his entire family with the exception of Mrs. Longworth and Theodore Junior will spend most of the time in Italy while Mr. Roosevelt is away. They will be the guests of Mrs. Roosevelt's sister, Miss Carey, at her villa near Rome.

Mrs. Roosevelt will remain at Sagamore Hill only about three months after her husband and son Kermit sail for Africa. Miss Ethel will remain with her mother at home. The youngest son, Quentin, now attending the Episcopal high school at Alexandria, Va., will finish his term there, and the other son, Archibald, will complete his academic year at Groton School in Massachusetts early in June, and then they will return here. By that time operations will have been completed by Mrs. Roosevelt for the transatlantic trip.

She and her three children will leave by a Mediterranean steamer for Naples some time the latter part of June or the first of July. They will be met at Naples by Miss Carey, who will take them to her villa near Rome.

It has been planned to have Mrs. Roosevelt leave Italy early in March, 1910, and journey across the Mediterranean to Alexandria and thence by boat and rail up the Nile to Khartoum. Here Mr. Roosevelt with his expedition will arrive about April 1 and will be met by Mrs. Roosevelt.

They will make visits to points of interest in Egypt on the way to the Nile and will then proceed to Europe, where Mr. Roosevelt has made engagements for the early summer. It is probable the ex-President and his family will later spend some time traveling through Europe.

M'GOWAN FOUGHT FOR
HIGH-PAID ALDERMEN.

"As a member of the Charter Revision Commission, which has recommended that the membership of the Board of Aldermen be reduced and serve without salaries, how can you face the present board?" a friend asked President McGowan on his way to attend a meeting of the board to-day.

The board knows my attitude," answered McGowan. "The members know that if I stand for a reduced membership I also stand for an increased salary—say, \$5,000 for the members. I sided with the majority of the commission, although I fought to the last for a salary for the office."

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COUNT IN SWIFT WOOLING WON HAND OF MURIEL WHITE

Scherr-Thoss Met Beautiful
American Only Few Weeks
Ago in Berlin.

PARIS, March 9.—The engagement was announced to-day of Muriel White, daughter of Henry White, the American Ambassador, to Count Herman Scherr-Thoss, an officer of the Royal Prussian Cuirassiers.

A love romance lies behind this announcement. Miss White met the Count only a few weeks ago while visiting Mrs. Reynolds Hitt, wife of the secretary of the American Embassy at Berlin. Ambassador and Mrs. White were at that time in Paris, entertaining the officers of the American fleet.

The couple saw much of each other during Miss White's short visit in Berlin, and the Count followed the young woman back to Paris where he pressed his suit with such ardor that the engagement was announced to-day.

The Count is the oldest of four sons of Count and Countess Scherr-Thoss, of Dobrua, Prussian Silesia, and he is heir to both the title and the extensive estates which the family owns in Silesia. He will succeed also to the hereditary peerage in the Prussian House of Lords now held by his father. The Count is twenty-nine and Miss White twenty-five years of age.

The date of the marriage has not yet been fixed, but it probably will occur in June. The young couple will live in one of the family chateaux in Silesia.

HEIRESS RUNS
AWAY WITH A
POOR CARPENTER.

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With their seven grips and cases, the party bundled into a closed car, and a short two blocks ride brought them to the parsonage of the Rev. Mr. Lucas. The ceremony was quickly over, and Miss Wenninger and Mr. Baxter returned, leaving the Newlyweds started for a train.

Threatens to Disinherit Her.
Miss Wenninger could hardly get back soon enough to tell the girl's father of the elopement. There was an awful time. Efforts were made to head off the elopers, but everything failed. The father word from his daughter and new son-in-law and it is said he is so incensed that he threatens to cut "Gussie" off in his will.

Howell made the girl's acquaintance at a Lox in Westchester more than a year ago. Both became deeply enamored and Howell promptly sought out the father and asked for the daughter's hand. He was met, it is said, with enough scorn and abuse to cause him to take the next train for California and Goodfield. What little money he had soon melted away and he hurried home last August.

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